Setting up of coal washery by SECL

†1631. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) has provided land on lease to M/s Iron Coal Benefication Private Limited to set up washery;

(b) if so, whether SECL was authorised to provide the land on lease which was acquired for extracting coal;

(c) whether permission was taken from State Administration to provide land on lease; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO). (a) No, Sir. SECL has not provided any land to M/s Iron Coal Benefication Private Limited on lease to set up coal washery. However, 4 98 Ha. *i e* 12 35 acres of land has been leased out to M/s Aryan Coal Benefications Pvt. Ltd , New Delhi at Dipka Project for setting up a Coal Benefication Plant.

(b) SECL was authorised with the prior approval of the Ministry of Coal, Government of India to provide the land on lease to M/s Aryan Coal Benefications Pvt. Ltd.

(c) and (d) Since the land provide on lease was acquired under the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act, 1957, necessary approval/permission was taken from the Central Government as per the provisions of the Act.

Jobs for ex-servicemen in CIL

†1632. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines have been drawn up to provide the jobs for transportation for loading to ex-servicemen in Coal India Limited,

(b) whether it is a fact that drivers of the vehicles should be ex-servicemen,

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